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COMMENT ON MOSSADEQ VICTORY IN THE IRANIAN MAJLIS

The 1 July election of a Mossadeq supporter, Abdollah Moazzami, as president of the Majlis was accomplished by the National Front with the support of the independents. These deputies apparently responded to the prime minister's threat on 26 June to dismiss the Majlis if his government did not receive majority support.

Although Mossadeq now controls this important parliamentary post, the opposition can still prevent a quorum and there is no indication that the Majlis members will be amenable to his will in the future.

Mullah Kashani, ex-president of the Majlis, who on 30 June issued a strong denunciation of Mossadeq's dictatorial tactics, can be expected temporarily to limit his political activities. Kashani's own ambitions will induce him, however, to continue working against the prime minister.

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